

ANNUAL REPORT



Putting the Public Health Puzzle Together

The mission of the Board of Health is to promote and protect the health of the public, a job that requires attention to all aspects of personal health and environmental health. The Board of Health provides leadership to the Health Department and to the community through their role in public health policy development. This is accomplished through health promotion, education and regulation, and in assuring responsibility for individual health and the health of the community.

The Board of Health identified five priorities for the Year 2000 and beyond:

- Strengthen public health assessment and epidemiologic analysis
- Assure access to care for those populations with poor health outcomes
- Prevent chronic disease and disabilities for those populations at highest risk
- Protect the public from the health impacts of environmental hazards and exposures (with primary prevention)
- Promote health and safety of families

The Board of Health commends the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County for their efforts to make our community the healthiest in the nation. Through our work on public health initiatives like Healthy People 2010, we can put together the public health puzzle. A special thanks to the nearly 100 individuals that gave time and resources to setting measurable health objectives for the Year 2010. Your efforts have made it possible to put the "public" in public health.

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